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SUPPLEMENT.

Argumentum ad Ignorantiam.

MOUND CITY, Mo., Sept. 9, 1890.

EDITOR SENTINEL:—I have the HONOR of being placed on one of "our" Harvest Home committees, (I don't mean to say the impression that I am part of management, but one, merely a sub.)

order to be true to my appointment and to the interests of this community, must denounce the writer of the article, from Mound City, which appeared in your paper of September 9.

I know not who it was, for no false statements shamed him a signature to the article. Every man that he made concerning the Harvest Home and its management was stated only by a low-down, vulgar scoundrel.

No gentleman of honor or spirit would have written such an article, as it is not only damaging to himself, but to the town of Mound City, and its committees in general.

to know they have such an outrageous liar, we should say, for the "ref" like signature shows unmistakable evidence of doubtful origin, being, in fact, a disorganized conglomeration of the contents of two or three of Mound City's master minds, who, like a vicious turkey buzzard only disfigure when badly scared, and by the operation not only make fools of themselves, but sicken the entire community.

that action of veracity, that action of uprightness, holiness, comes forth in all the grand intellectual attainments of the populace that a man which appeared in these few weeks ago, was the work of the author was a most scribe, a most "outrageous" above all, on account of his ability and general worthlessness, debarred from contributing proportions to swell the "see."

Now, we didn't mind a other pet epithets which to confer upon us, but the action that we were to be chosen 500 (?) not only our full stock of grief, sorrow and dismay, but brought numberings of suicide with in.

We can safely inform our ever, that all such inclinations distinctly disappeared, expatiated at some length on the impecuniosity, and even as to offer to pay the necessities for our admission. We, however, to leave us to our nerve that time to balance with the flowing bowl, which, ant appearances, has secured patronage from him. This, no doubt, will be fully compensated most of Mound City's citizens further elimination. For the of the uninformed, and to jog up memory of the Management, we include the following scraps of historical which have taken place within the thirty days, and which certain individuals would fain have kept quiet.

wishing to impeach the honor of any of our prominent citizens, we will abstain from mentioning any names, unless absolutely necessary, but with the understanding that we are able to furnish names upon application: On the 15th day of August, the day on which the Farmers' Alliance held its convention, Mr. Joseph Henry, a prominent member of the New Point band, was instructed by the Management to inform that band

that they would give them \$85 to play for the Harvest Home. Upon hearing this the band, on August 18th, agreed to the proposal and notified the Management to that effect, on the following Tuesday. The New Point band, of course, considered themselves employed, although there was no written contract. Some time after, having met the Mound City band half way and effected a compromise, the probability of the instrumental music drowning the vocal presented itself to the Management, as the bands of Maitland, Mound City, Savannah and New Point would be present, consequently on August 28th a letter was sent to the New Point band, which was at that time fulfilling an engagement at Maitland, stating that "the Mound City band has made us a better offer than that of yours, consequently on account of this and to preserve good feeling at home, we are compelled to break our engagement with you."

The New Point boys being filled with righteous indignation, turned the letter over and wrote, in substance, as follows: "We supposed when the agreement was made that you were gentlemen of your word, or we would have had a written contract, etc."

Nothing was done until the following Sunday, August 31st, when two of our Management wended their weary way to the residence of Mr. Henry, expressed themselves as sorry for acting as they had, and desired the New Point boys to consent to play, which, after much persuasion, they again consented to do. Whether or not the Management will live up to this agreement can better be determined after the Harvest Home is over. For a corroboration of these facts we can refer our readers to Mr. A. Kunkel, leader of the New Point band. Our band gets from the Harvest Home Management \$85, for playing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Parker's music excepted), another \$15 is to be raised by subscription and paid them. It was asserted by the ardent committeeman of last week that they receive \$10 more this year than at any preceding Harvest Home. That this is a confounded lie, tending only to prop the wasted frame of that huge, mouldering monument of the Harvest Home, can be easily proven by the secretary's book of the Mound City band, which shows that the sum of \$80 was paid that organization by the association only last year. It is not supposed that the Management intended lying about this matter, but were only a little rusty in figures. We know that if our little modern Shakespeare and his colleagues will only favor the jubilee with their own "sweet human voices," so eloquently lauded in last week's issue that everything will bloom and bring forth fruit, probably .001 fold. It is sincerely to be regretted that our abnormal auditory appendages afford us such a hindrance to the enjoyment of the beautiful and delicate, but that was nature's fault, not ours. We still have the same pair of ears that we had in the beginning, and Providence permitting we intend to hang to them as long as they hang to us. Of course if destiny had ever intended us for a Harvest Home or plenipotentiary committeeman, we would undoubtedly have been fitted out to a T, supplied with a comprehensive intellect, a loving disposition and other attributes necessary to an honorable man. We congratulate the Management upon its successful literary effort of last week. It was, without doubt, a masterpiece, requiring the enforced action of a mighty intellect and will be handed down to succeeding generations as a sample of committeeman prowess and dam foolery. But my dear friend, in after years, when your energy overrides your discretion, and you feel prompted to address your inferiors through the columns of a newspaper, don't "write us up on Parker's practice night and miss the singing. You know it don't set the right example. We take pleasure in informing the readers of these columns, and with plenty of truth to back our assertions, that the New Point band WAS and is employed to play at the Harvest Home, although the News let off about a half column to the contrary last week; that the Harvest Home posters were printed in St. Joseph because they

could be gotten up \$2 cheaper than here; that on last Monday evening, September 1st, (Parker's regular practice night), there were only four representatives of Mound City's musical talent present and neither of these were members of the U. Guess triumvirate, who, by the way, figure in Parker's pride with "sweet human voices;" that if the Mound City News was not run on such an exquisitely independent order it would not knuckle to the question of its daily bread, but would speak its honest opinion occasionally, and that it relies wholly upon "hearsay" (as it says we do) and never moves out into the air unless absolutely compelled to do so, can be inferred from the arrangement and amount of its news items. If it had known anything whatever of the matter in hand, it would have looked before it leaped; that the delightful soliloquy with which U. Guess regaled himself in winding up his last argument, and the name with which he addressed himself, were, on the whole, entirely appropriate and very funny indeed. But we defy and challenge him to refute cold facts by merely conferring questionable epithets without backing his statements. Things have come to a monotonous pause when an individual or a set of individuals, who, as has been shown, publicly impair their own veracity, call another person, who only stated facts as they are, a scoundrel and a liar; and to the refutation committee, the Mound City News and all other individuals alike interested, we say, "bray again, bray long and loud that Balaam may know where his ass has gone."

HU, GUESS.

A Correction.

MOUND CITY, Mo., Sept. 7, 1890.

MR. EDITOR:—We do not wish to be mixed up in any of the writings in the SENTINEL between the two persons signing their names as "U. Guess" and his adversary, but the article of last week contained a few false statements in regard to the band, and it is a duty incumbent upon me to correct all such, as I am certain I know the truth of the proceedings between the Mound City Band and the Harvest Home Committee. In the first place it is immaterial to us whether or not they hired the Maitland or New Point bands, and if they did it was their privilege to do so. The above named bands have a perfect right to play for whatever they choose, so long as they get the contract legitimately, which they would not do otherwise. In the second place the writer states that we were given two weeks to consider the proposition made us by the Harvest Home Committee. In regard to this I will say that it was not the part of the band to consider any proposition made by the committee. We were asked to bid on the playing and did so, which ended the matter. We were afterwards asked to cut down our price, which we positively refused to do, considering the amount of playing. The committee then corresponded with other bands, which was their privilege, and according to the rules of business. If they could not pay our price they then had a perfect right to go elsewhere. As to paying us \$10 more than they ever paid before, the writer is mistaken, and if he will call on the secretary or leader of the band they will present the secretary's book, showing exactly what the band has received all through the previous years. In regard to following Prof. Parker over upper Holt, I will say that a proposition was made us containing the program of our "necessary playing" to obtain the money offered, and as the said amount we were to receive for the program, "successfully carried out," was so little that we emphatically refused to do anything with it. Now, as to accepting the proposition made us by the committee, which was \$85, I will say that the writer is again mistaken, and if he will call upon the leader he will present to him for his inspection a contract signed by the secretary of the Harvest Home, stating the amount of money we are to receive and the amount of playing we are to do which cuts out any and all parts of the program pertaining to Prof. Parker's Jubilee. This little

correction is justly due, both to the Mound City Band and also to the other bands of Holt county, for which we have a very kind feeling, and who are always welcomed by us at any time or place we meet. What I have stated above in regard to propositions, we are ready to show in "black and white" at any time the writer of the article signed "U. Guess" wants to see them; and as to these articles I will say that we do not wish to be mixed up in any of them, and if the writer wishes to make statements concerning the band let him post himself as to the truth of his statements before putting them in print for the people of the county to read. It is true that we do not get our first bid, which was \$125, but at the same time the amount of playing was cut down as far as accompanying Prof. Parker's Jubilee was concerned, which was taken off our program, for which we lowered our bid \$25.

MEMBER.

Craig.

—Mr. Chester Birch has been holding meetings in the Presbyterian church this week. The interest is good and the attendance large. We hope for the best of results.

—The little adopted child of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Craig, died last Sunday. It was about five months old. We extend sympathies.

—Miss Emma Meyer has returned after spending the summer visiting friends in West Virginia. Miss Emma reports a pleasant time, but still comes back to Missouri, feeling that other states may have their charms for a season, but home and Holt county cannot be surpassed.

—Uncle Amos Goldsberry, of Craig, has passed away. He was 82 years old and had been a life-long christian. We cannot say that death is strange in such a case. There is something solemn in death under any circumstances. But when a man grows old in the service of his Master, and his head is silvered over with righteous years, death has few terrors. The remains were buried in the Liberty graveyard about five miles from Craig.

—Our next county clerk, R. S. Meyer was seen by your correspondent with a six-inch smile across his face, last Monday. He seems to have no fear of the straddle ticket. The Peoples' ticket, alias the Hybrid ticket, is afflicted with blind staggers of late. The farmers are not so blind as the leaders take them to be. The farmers know that a few sore-head, pot-house demagogues and a peoples' ticket is not going to raise the price of either hogs, cattle or corn. A little common sense is worth a great deal of mouth cotton after all. The better class of families know that dabbling in politics will kill their movement. They declared, and declared wisely, that their movement should be non-political, but that they would demand from all parties what they considered to be their rights. That position had the respect of every body, and the farmers had influence in the councils of every party, but for a few hungry exiles to set a trap for them and get them to abandon their wise resolve, will bear its fruit and that fruit will not be sweet.

NEX VOMICA.

—Messrs. Benton and Libby have an "ad" in this issue, concerning their annual colt show. We believe that more good to the farmers and stock-raiser, will come from a show of this kind, than is apparent at the first thought. Let all who are eligible to this show be on hand early, with their colts in readiness. It will prove profitable to you.

—Hats, Millinery and Notions, will be sold, cheap for cash, for the next fifteen days, to make room for new fall stock at Mrs. I. S. Watson's, third door north of Montgomery & Roecker Bank, Oregon, Mo.

—Lunsford & Co., of Forest City, are now ready to buy your apples. They will be found in the J. M. Ford warehouse. They pay the highest cash market price for apples and other fruits.

—D. M. Martin will save you money on a Cart and Harness—twelve different styles of Carts.